



State of Arizona  
**Department of Education**

**Tom Horne**  
Superintendent of  
Public Instruction

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Unit

Lee Renda, NSLP Nutrition Director  
Lynn Ladd, NSLP Health Director  
Arizona Department of Education, School Health and Nutrition Programs

**Date:** March 19, 2009

**RE:** 2009 Economic Stimulus Funding for NSLP Equipment Assistance

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The Arizona Department of Education is pleased to announce the United States Department of Agriculture's 2009 Economic Stimulus Funding for NSLP Equipment Assistance grants.

Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The ARRA provides a one-time appropriation of \$100,000,000 out of which Arizona will receive \$2,208,964 for equipment assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Local LEAs may competitively apply for NSLP equipment assistance grants. As stipulated in the ARRA, priority will be given to schools in which at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals.

USDA regulations at 7 CFR 3016.3 and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 define equipment for the purpose of NSLP equipment assistance grants as articles of nonexpendable, tangible personal property with a useful life of more than one year and a per unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 (or such lesser amount as the LEA uses when reporting equipment as assets in its financial statements). NSLP equipment assistance grant funds can be used to purchase equipment such as a walk in freezer for school food service use; whereas renovation of the food service area would fall under the category of construction costs which must be borne by the school district's general fund.

The funding alert and the grant application will be available on the ADE website at <https://www.ade.az.gov/gme/> beginning Monday, March 23, 2009.

**A grant application must be submitted through the ADE Grants Management system for each school separately, by Friday, April 24, 2009 by 5:00 PM.**

The due date of April 24, 2009 refers to the date of the receipt of the On-line application in the Grants Management Enterprise. The Signature Page with original signatures and required attachments must be received by ADE on April 24, 2009 by exactly 5:00:00 P.M. No fax or photocopy signatures will be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

For detailed application and grant criteria, please visit <https://www.ade.az.gov/gme/> under funding alerts. If you have any questions, please contact Cara Peczkowski at [cara.peczkowski@azed.gov](mailto:cara.peczkowski@azed.gov) or 602-542-8703.